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SUBJECT: THE SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH CHILEAN FOREIGN
MINISTER CARVAJAL

1. THE SECRETARY MET WITH CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTER
CARVAJAL FOR APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES ON OCTOBER 7.
CHILEAN AMBASSADORS TRUCCO AND HUERTA, UNDER SECRETARY
HABIB AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHLAUDEMAN WERE ALSO
PRESENT.

2. PERU-CHILE RELATIONS - CARVAJAL FIRST RAISED THE
CHILEAN CONCERN ABOUT THE INCREASING MILITARY IMBALANCE
WITH PERU. HE ASKED IF UNDER SECRETARY MAW HAD DIS-
CUSSED THE PROBLEM WITH THE PERUVIANS. SHLAUDEMAN
SAID WE HAD INDEED RAISED THE MATTER WITH THE PERUVIANS.
CONFIRMATION OF THE PURCHASE IS STILL LACKING. THE
SECRETARY EMPHASIZED HIS PERSONAL CONCERN OVER THE
IMBALANCE AND WHERE IT MIGHT LEAD IN TERMS OF A
DANGEROUS PATTERN FOR THE REGION. CARVAJAL ASKED
ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A MODIFICATION OF THE BAN

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ON CASH SALES OF MILITARY ITEMS FOR DEFENSIVE PURPOSES.

THE SECRETARY NOTED OUR OPPOSITION TO THE MEASURE AND SAID HE WOULD SEE WHAT MIGHT BE DONE, NOTING THAT WHAT HAPPENS WITH RESPECT TO HUMAN RIGHTS WILL BE IMPORTANT.

3. CARVAJAL SAID HE WANTED TO CONFIRM WHAT CAUAS HAD TOLD SECRETARY SIMON IN THE SENSE THAT THE GOC BELIEVES IT WOULD BE BETTER TO ELIMINATE ALL BILATERAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE NEXT YEAR. THE SECRETARY WONDERED WHERE THAT MIGHT LEAD. HE SAID WE WOULD THINK ABOUT THE SUGGESTION AND BE BACK TO THE CHILEANS.

4. CARVAJAL DESCRIBED THE ECONOMIC PROGRESS CHILE IS MAKING AND ASKED FOR CONTINUED U.S. COOPERATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL LENDING INSTITUTIONS. HE REFERRED TO THE NEGATIVE VOTE CAST BY THE U.S. IN THE IDB. THE SECRETARY OUTLINED THE PROBLEM POSED FOR US BY THE HARKIN AMENDMENT.

5. CARVAJAL PRESENTED TO THE SECRETARY THE TEXTS OF THE NEW CONSTITUTIONAL ACTS. THE SECRETARY SAID HE WOULD STUDY THEM. HE ALSO ASKED ABOUT THE CONTINUING STATE OF EMERGENCY WHICH SEEMS TO NULLIFY CONSTITUTIONAL PROCEDURES. CARVAJAL'S ONLY REPLY WAS THAT THE NEW ACTS INCLUDED PROVISIONS FOR A STATE OF EMERGENCY.

6. AMBASSADOR HUERTA SAID IN DISCUSSING THE UNGA THAT THERE WAS THE POSSIBILITY OF A RESOLUTION IN THE THIRD COMMITTEE PUSHED BY THE DUTCH WHICH WOULD THREATEN ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST CHILE. THE SECRETARY SAID WE WOULD OPPOSE SUCH A MOVE AND INSTRUCTED HABIB TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER. (WE ARE REPORTING SEPARATELY TO YOU ON THIS MATTER.)
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